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**PATENT APPLICATION**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of

Masaaki NANAUMI, et al.

Appln. No.: 10/050,518

Group Art Unit: 1745

Confirmation No.: 7763

Examiner: Not Yet Assigned

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For: MEMBRANE ELECTRODE ASSEMBLY AND METHOD FOR PRODUCING SAME, AND  
POLYMER ELECTROLYTE FUEL CELL COMPRISING SUCH MEMBRANE ELECTRODE  
ASSEMBLIES

**RESPONSE TO NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION  
FILED UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(B) - FILING DATE GRANTED**

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Sir:

In response to the "Notice to File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application filed under 37 CFR 1.53(b) - Filing Date Granted," mailed February 14, 2002 for the above application, Applicant respectfully submits herewith the Declaration for the above identified application properly executed by the inventors.

The executed documents are being filed on Monday, April 15, 2002. Since the due date for filing these documents fell on a Sunday the filing of the documents on Monday, April 15, 2002 is considered timely.

A check for the statutory fee of \$130.00 is attached. Please also charge any underpayment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. A duplicate copy of this paper is attached.

Respectfully submitted,

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## NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION

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An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given **TWO MONTHS** from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- The oath or declaration is missing.  
*A properly signed oath or declaration in compliance with 37 CFR 1.63, identifying the application by the above Application Number and Filing Date, is required.*
- To avoid abandonment, a late filing fee or oath or declaration surcharge as set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(l) of \$130 for a non-small entity, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.
- The balance due by applicant is \$ 130.

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